



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID/ FEWS-NET September 17 - 23, 2020

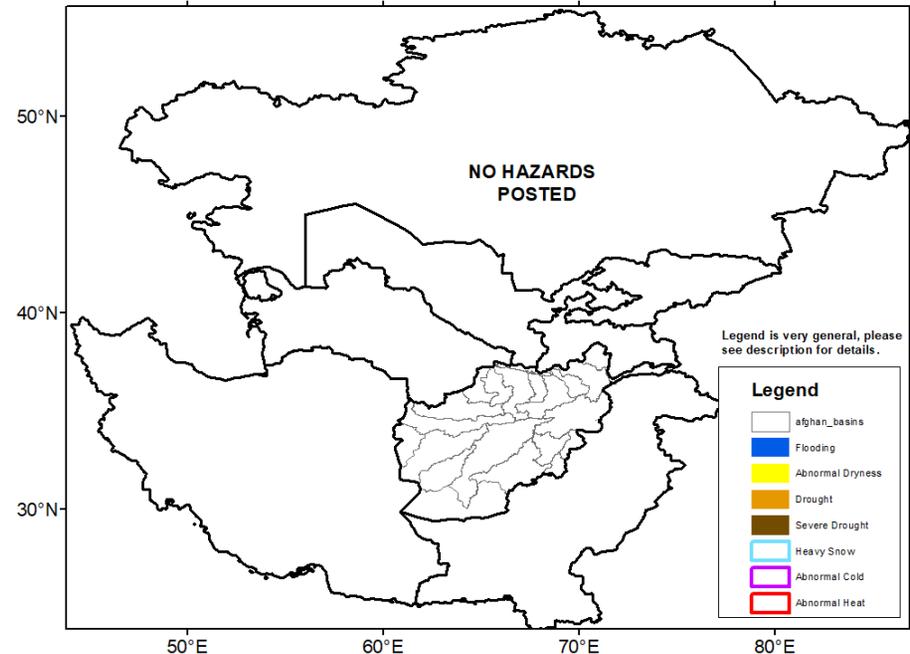
Temperatures:

Weekly temperatures averaged 1 to 5 degrees C below normal across most of Central Asia from September 6 to 12 with three large negative anomalies observed across eastern Kazakhstan. Minimum temperatures fell to and below freezing across parts of northern and eastern Kazakhstan, ending the growing season in those areas. The GFS model indicates that minimum temperatures are likely to average at or above normal during the third week of September. Minimum temperatures are forecast to remain mostly above freezing during the outlook period, except for the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

Precipitation

Following the heavy rainfall and flooding during late August, much drier weather has prevailed throughout the region during early to mid-September. RFE satellite estimates depict isolated precipitation amounts exceeding 25 mm in northern Pakistan. According to the RFE satellite estimates, 30-day precipitation deficits are 10 to 25 mm across northern Kazakhstan.

The GFS model indicates widespread precipitation, generally from 10 to 25 mm, across northern Kazakhstan which should alleviate short-term dryness. Mostly dry weather is forecast for Afghanistan, while isolated rainfall amounts may exceed 25 mm in northern Pakistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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